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NEW MISSIONARY

MISS MARTHA LOUISE PETERSEN

Our Church is delighted with the news which tells of the coming of Miss Martha Louise Petersen to augment the staff of Lady-Missionaries on the field.

Miss Petersen plans to leave New York on August 1, and has been assigned to duties in the Bel Air Parish. She is a resident of Kansas City, Kansas and attended the Wyandotte High School of the same city. In 1955 she graduated with the B.A degree from Midland College and between 1956-57 attended Biblical Seminary in New York City. Miss Petersen has worked in several business offices and served as Camp Counsellor in the summers of 1951 and 55. She has also been Director of Religious Education at St. John's Church, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

We welcome a person of such fine qualifications and wish for her a very fruitful term of service.

MISS FAGUE LEAVES

Miss Marianne Fague leaves on vacation on July 9 after completing a three-year term of meritorious service. She arrived in the colony on July 7, 1954 and has since served the West Coast Parish with great fruitfulness and devotion. Her work and her friendliness has endeared her to all with whom she came in contact and our whole Church will deeply miss her ever helpful presence.

In addition to the arduous duties of the West Coast she taught for two years in the Lutheran Training Institute and also took an active part in the Lutheran Women's Work throughout the Church and helped in no small way in various Parish Conferences.

Miss Fague plans to join her family, the Rev. and Mrs. Harland Fague of St. Stephen Church, Lancaster, Pa. for a vacation in the West and then to enrol for a semester's work at Biblical Seminary New York. The Church in British Guiana wishes her bon-voyage and sincerely hopes to welcome her return next year.

THE UPPER BERBICE RIVER PARISH

PASTOR H. C. MAGALEE

HURURU, Layreader Rudolph Loy

The residents of this little community are very grateful that the weekly river steamer now stops on its weekly trips.

Before the grant of this facility, persons desirous of transacting business, had to travel many miles up river to the steamer terminus at Arima. This new arrangement will save them considerable time and inconvenience.

At Hururu, we have had our first Baptism, our first Confirmation and our first Communion Service. And now, a few days ago, we had our first wedding, when in a simply but impressive ceremony Mr. Lemuel Thomas and Miss Naomi Harsting exchanged marriage vows. We hope that this happy and blessed event will lead to many more happy decisions.

Congratulations to Layreader and Mrs. Loy on the birth of their seventh child—a boy.

MT. CARMEL, Ituni. Catechist W. Blair.

The new hostel is complete and everyone-particularly the matron and children are pleased and happy. The structure is of ferro concrete and it occupies a position between the Consumers' Shop and Catechist's residence. It has a room for the matron one for for the boys, one for the girls and a common living room. There is also a kitchen and a gallery that over looks the river. The residents of the old building have suffered for a long time from exposure and from the filthiness of bats. Everyone is grateful to the Board of Foreign Missions for providing the funds that made so nice a building possible.

ST. PAUL, Maria Henrietta. Catechist C. J. Duggin—

A Rally Service, sponsored by the Lutheran Women's League was held on Whit-Sunday afternoon. The Chairman for the occasion was Mr. John Reece. A concert programme, arranged by Mrs. Caroline Fraser, was excellently rendered. Pastor Magalee gave an address and the closing remarks were made by Catechist Duggin. The total offering received was $65.00 Everyone enjoyed this programme and was very appreciative of Mrs. Fraser's kind services and of the service rendered by the choir.

We regret to announce the death of Miss Helen Jackson the mother of Councilman John Reece. She had been ailing for a long time and for a while was hospitalized in New Amsterdam. About a month ago she returned home and passed away about two weeks after she received the Lord's Supper in full consciousness. We extend our deep sympathy to all the bereaved.

After a lapse of quite a few years a wedding took place at St. Paul Church. Mr. Vernon Merchant and Miss Venus De Abreu exchanged vows on May 28 in the presence of a large congregation. The reception, which followed the wedding ceremony was a very enjoyable occasion.

MT. HERMON, St. Lust. Catechist C. C. Fredericks—

On May 28, Mr. Herbert Hercules and Miss Geraldine Bennett became life-partners when they said "I will" before a large gathering of friends and relatives. In spite of rain the reception which was held in the school hall was well attended and everyone had an enjoyable time.

Congratulations to Ivy and Joel Bennett and Hoy Adolph who received the rite of Confirmation on Sunday, June 23. May God grant his perpetual blessings upon their new life with Him.

The Luther League accompanied the Catechist and Pastor in their visit to sick Mrs. Maria Fredericks and Mrs. Marion Jones. Inspiring services were conducted by the Leaguers and the sick expressed deep gratitude and appreciation.

Councilman Joe Robertson ran for his life when a crocodile interrupted his bath one evening at the riverside in front of his house. As soon as Mr. Robertson entered the water the monster swam towards him fierce and forceful. He ran to the house and brought his axe to meet the challenge but the monster swam to the deep.

ATONEMENT, Ebeni,
Layreader Wilfred Thom

We regret to announce the passing, of Miss Citera Barron after a period of prolonged illness. She was a patient in the New Amsterdam Public Hospital and after an operation quietly passed away. Miss Barron was a very popular figure in her district and her death was a shock to all her friends. We deeply sympathise with those who mourn her loss.

Mrs. Chanderpaul, the wife of our Headteacher, became seriously ill and had to be rushed to the New Amsterdam Public Hospital. At the time of writing she is much improved but very weak.

REFORMATION. Kimbia
Catechist R.D.K. Singh

Because of unavoidable circumstance Catechist Singh and his family did not arrive at Kimbia until June 18th. Mr. James Thompson for more than a month carried out the duties of headteacher and Mr. Benjamin Gladstone supervised the affairs of the Church. We thank these gentlemen for their kind services and all the others who assisted.

Congratulations to Mrs. Shirley Gordon our assistant teacher and organist upon the birth of her daughter on June 21.

The stelling and bond - a Government Self help project is now complete and everyone eagerly awaits a survey by the T. & H. Department to enable the weekly steamer to make regulary stops at the stelling.

GRACE. De Velde..
Catechist J. F. Munro

All the materials for the Consumer Shop and the Stelling and Bond are now ready and construction work will begin at any time.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Donald Lindie just a few weeks after making his confession and receiving the rite of Confirmation and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

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THE SKELDON PARISH

PASTOR F. D. CHRISTHILF

EMMANUEL, Skeldon
Catechist H. Rajabally.

Emmanuel Church is indeed growing. An extensive program is being conducted by Catechist. We are having cottage meetings twice during the week, and by this way we hope to reach some homes where Christ is not yet the Head.

We are grateful to the Gospel Recording Company for the fine records we have received from them. They are being used in our cottage meetings very regularly.

On the 2nd June, four (4) persons were received into membership. They are Lloyd Pillay, Claudette and Marcia Barran and George Jaundoo. We wish these people ahappy stay in Christ Church

Our Lay-vistors meet two times a month The first Wednesday, we always visit members and lapsed memebrs and the third Wednesday, we visit friends and prospects. They are indeed doing a fine job under the Chairmanship of Mr. Edward Sewdat.

Our Luther League started at Emanuel again, we are working very hard to get it going. The following were elected Office-bearers of the Emanuel League;
President —Timothy Sharma; Vice-Presitdent — Gagindra Persaud; Secretary.. Harold Brijbasi; Treasurer..Harry Etwaru

We wish to congratulate these boys in their respective offices.

Our Sunday school is staging a come back. We have been conducting a visitation program to reach the lapsed children

Following children were received by rite of Baptism (1) Parbatie Ruth Inderjeet (2) Elizabeth Etwaru (3) Harold Brijbasi.

May God bless this congregation continually so that it will grow onwards forever and ever.

Jesus with Thy Church Abide Be Our Saviour, Lord, and Guide, while on earth her faith is tried. We beseech Thee, Hear Us.

ST. PHILIP'S, Springlands
Catechist H. Rajabally.

St. Philip's Church is progressing very slowly. This fact is due to hard work on few of the members. Cottage meetings were being held every Tuesday nights for the past three months, we hope to continue with this until circumstances prevent us.

Our first Instruction Class was followed on 9th June..Pentecost Sunday Night at 7.30 p.m. by a Communion Service. Following persons were received into membership by rite of conformation:— Mrs, H, Angels, Thomas Munroe, Jane Joseph. We wish these people a happy stay in Christ Church.

Our Lay-visitors meet twice during the month to do visitation. We meet on the second Wednesday to do membership visitation and on the fourth Wednesday to visit prospects and children.

Our Luther League is meeting every Friday nights, and is having a membership of 10 members. We have planned a 6 weeks program to run the League for the coming weeks.

In the near future we hope to transfer our Sunday School to Mr. Singh's house to be in the heart of the Children.

We hope to start our new Instruction Class on the 16th June. We hope God would guide us, as He has done in the past.

NATIVITY, Crabwood Creek
Catechist J. M. Ramlochan.

Four new members were received by Confirmation to this congregation. They are:- Nar Harrisingh, Arjune, Lilawatie and Merlene Sieusarran.

The Committee on Evangelism is making a steady march forward. This Committee is making a call on every Second Sunday in each month on Prospects as well as on lapsed members.

Through this committee a series of Cottage meetings are conducted in the home, of members and non-members.

A Luther League has been recently started for the young people of this Congregation, on every Friday Night at 7.15 p.m.

There are 12 members in this League We pray that this League may be fruitful.

The Evangelism Mission which was held on the Upper Corentyne, has done a great deal of good to this Parish.

Soon after the Mission Week, the Pastor's Class has been fully kept alive. On June 9, eight persons from this class were received into full membership of the Church. They are as follows:- Jean Muckunlal, Sukuntia, Deodat, Ro opnarine, Deomangal Baham, Kanlesir and Daniels. Patricia was received by infant Baptism.

St. Matthias is no longer a Preaching Point, but has emerged into a Congregation with a Communing Membership of twenty-nine persons.

We pray God's blessing upon this congregation.

ST. JOHN'S, Williamsburg.
Catechist David Lalsingh.

Welcome—Catechist Lalsingh, the new catechist for St. John, was warmly welcomed by the members.

Farewell—There was a farewell Service held for Catechist Jahoor, who laboured at St. John for nine years. The service was well attended.

Council for 1957—1. Messrs. E. Fry, 2. R. Phagoo, (Secretary) 3. P. Butcham, 4. Mesdames I. Munsammy, 5. Edith Sarran.

Luther League Officers for 1957— R. Phagoo, President, Rita Ragnauth, Vice-President, Lilian Girdharry, Secretary, Joyce Ragnauth, Asst. Secretary, and Yasmin Sankar, Treasurer.

Women's League Officers for 1957—D. Rajabally, President, M. Smith, Vice-President, Edith Sarran, Secretary, Norma Pile, Asst. Secretary, B. Macoon, Treasurer

Church Yard—The members had trench dug, and the dirt is being fetched into the level of the yard. Also members are now planting flowers and palms to beautify the Church Compound.

Plans—There is a plan to electrify the Church before long. The lighting Committee is doing its best to collect the actual sum from the members—needed to do the job.

Baptisms—1. Jean B. Persaud, 2. C. Jaimangal, 3. W. Murgen, 4. S. L. Latcha, 5. S. Buchoon, 6. M. G. Ramnarine, 8. K. E. Nathoo, 8. P. J Erriah.

Speech Night—Plans are afoot for a big Speech Night late in July. The students are anxious about this and are all very enthusiastic. **"Romeo & Juliet"** is the choice of the Dramatic Club. Apart from the main play, "Romeo and Juliet", there will be a humorous yet very educational skit entitled, **"The Old and New School."**

MISS ZARTMAN RETURNS

MISS RUTH ZARTMAN

After an absence of a year on furlough Miss Ruth Zartman arrived in the Colony on June 19 for the second time. Miss Zartman was commissioned at St. Andrew's Church, Hickory. Taking part in the commissioning service were Pastors Eldred K. Stauffer, Albert K. Keck and the President of the South Carolina Synod Dr. Carl W. Kinard. She has been re-assigned to the Lower Courantyne Parish and we wish her God's blessing and years of rich and fruithful work.

LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION ASSEMBLY

MR. C. S. CHU

Mr. C. S. Chu, outstanding layman in the Church in British Guiana was elected lay-representative of our Chucrh to the Lutheran World Federation Assembly which is to be held in the city of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mr. Chu left British Guiana in time to see his son Clinton graduate with the B. A. degree from Wittenburg College. His second son, Aubrey, is a Junior in the same College.

Pastor Paul G. Hansen, presently on furlough, will serve as our Church's clerical delegate to the Assembly.

Pastor and Mrs. F. Leland Ingalls having served their first term as missionaries on the West Coast now go on furlough. Mrs. Ingalls and the children, Frank and Diana left the Colony on June 2 and Pastor Ingalls leaves on July 20th.

Besides serving as Pastor of five congregations and six preaching points, Pastor Ingalls also held the position of Vice-President of the Church and Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Church. He has ministered with great vigour in his parish and the Church in British Guiana is grateful for his labours.

MISS WAGNER ATTENDS SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

MISS ELAINE WAGNER

A Carribean Consultation was held in Puerto Rico, May 17-24, there being representatives from the various denominations working in the British West Indies, British Guiana, Dutch Guiana, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Haiti, and Dominica.

Those attending from British Guiana were Miss Elaine Wagner of our Lutheran Church, Dr. W. J. S. Farris of the Canadian Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. Douglas Bobb of the Bedford Methodist Church, Georgetown.

The Consultation was sponsored by the International Missionary Council and the World Council of Christian Education. This was merely a consultation to discuss our common task and problems, and to explore the probability of being organized in the future as a Carribean conference.

One day was given for presentations and discussion on the following subjects: evangelism, training of the ministry, Christian home and family life, and Christian education. Miss Wagner was sent by our church especially in the interest of Christian education.

It was not possible to legislate since this was not a duly constituted conference, but several recommendations were made to the International Missionary Council. Some of these are as follows:

RECOMMENDED:

1. That a Carribean Conference be held within the next two or three years.

2. (a) That the Consultation should express its sense of urgent need for adequate indigenous Christian Education materials and should request the World Council of Christian Education to take appropriate steps in the production of such materials.

   (b) That the following priorities are suggested in the production of such materials: first, Sunday Church School curriculum materials: second, curriculum for day schools: third, materials for daily vacation Bible schools.

3. That in connection with Home and Family life there be made a study of civil and religious (including non-Christian) marriage systems in the Carribean area.

The Consultation was held at the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico (formerly called the Polytechnic Institute), where several of our ministerial students are studying. Miss Wagner met many on the faculty and staff of the college and was happy to hear fine reports of their work and their contribution to campus life.

The Evangelical Council of Puerto Rico acted as host to the Consultation and their hospitality was wonderful. The members of the faculty of the college and also the staff of Inter-American University did much to make the Consultation pleasant.

Miss Wagner was able to meet with the pastors' wives and parish workers of the Lutheran church in Puerto Rico and to attend one of our Lutheran churches in San Juan the week-end before her return.

She wishes to express her appreciation to the church for the opportunity of attending this Consultation and experiencing the oneness and purpose and spirit of this group of Christian leaders seeking to find ways of working together more closely in meeting the spiritual needs of the people of the Caribbean.

Elaine Wagner

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MT. OLIVET, Kwakwani.
Layreader Terrance Adams.

The weekend of June 30 was big for Mt. Olivet. There were three weddings, eighteen confirmations and eight baptisms.

On Saturday, June 29 Miss Ernestine Dehaan (formerly of St Clement Church) became the wife of Mr. George Linton Sears and half an hour after this ceremony Mr. Ivan Clifton Shakespeare was married to Miss Lilian Dorothy Foster. Both weddings were largely attended and were followed by enjoyable receptions.

On June 30, Mr. Locksley Rose and Miss Dorothy Douglas were wedded amidst the rejoicing of many relatives and friends. The reception was held in the home of Dorothy's guardians, Mr. and Mrs. Andre Gerrard. We wish these couples many years of marriage bliss.

At the Children's Service on Sunday afternoon eight children were presented for baptism: Grace Patricia Mc Bean, Esther Alvira Best, Carol Eldora Daly, Alwyn Remington Carr, Naraine Persaud, John Errol Barron, Neil Grayson Campbell and Tim Sylvan Paul.

A large congregation witnessed the confirmation of Mesdames Elaine M. Williams, Lynette Agatha Ferrell, Edna E. K. Fung, Leoni B. Charles, Joycelyn Bell and Messrs Compton C. Carter, Sylvester Sauers, Emanuel Saures, Naraine P. Swah, James L. Williams, Vernon H. Cummings, Charles Ward, Harry A. Klass, James M. Bourne, Milton P. Fung, Locksley S. Rose, and Fitzroy Williams. May God richly bless these new members and grant them His grace.

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WHAT IS CHRISTIAN TITHING ?

President Clarence C. Stoughton, M. A. Litt. D., LL. D., is one of the outstanding leaders in world Lutheranism in the 20th century. He was the first secretary of the executive committee of the Lutheran Laymen's Movement for Stewardship. During this period he was chosen to deliver the 1946 series of Knubel-Miller lectures on the subject, "Set apart for the Gospel."

The delivery of these lectures marks the approximate beginning of Stewardship in The United Lutheran Church in America.

Dr. Stoughton formerly served as president of Wagner College. He is now president of Hamma Divinity School and Wittenburg College in Springfield, Ohio No other layman in the history of the Lutheran Church has ever served in such a dual capacity.

This is what Dr. Stoughton has to say on the subject of tithing:

"Christian tithing begins with Christ. Its whole emphasis is upon Him. The central fact in the life of the Christian is the coming of Jesus into the world to give Himself upon the cross for man.

Through Him man comes to God; through Him finds forgiveness and reconciliation. Here are giving and love that are beyond human understanding. It is grace—God's love given freely without our having deserved or merited any part of it.

"And right here is where Christian tithing begins—in man's understanding of the central fact of Christian faith, and in his response to it,

"For, he asks himself, if God has been so good to me, how can I help but show my

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IT ISN'T THE CHURCH IT'S YOU

It isn't the preacher's flowery prayer,
Or the way the choir sings,
Or the size of the coin your neighbor gives,
Or the help your brother brings;
It isn't the size of your favorite church,
Or the cost of your favorite pew,
Or the style of clothes the members wear,
For it isn't the church, its you.

It isn't the way the work is done,
Or the way the money's spent,
Or whether the gospel's all brought in,
Or whether there's some that sent;
It isn't the kind of creed they love,
Or peculiar things they do,
Or whether the doctrine suits your taste,
For it isn't the church, it's you.

For a chain's as strong as the weakest link,
And it breaks with a heavy load,
But a church that's full of the links that pull
Can level the roughest road.
If you get in tune with the Master's will,
With your heart and your labors too,
You will love your church, though it has its faults,
For it isn't the church, it's you.

—R. R. Newberry

QUOTABLE QUOTES

It would be an immeasurable loss to the life and witness of our Church if we forget the teaching of Christ that giving is doubly blessed: blessed because of what it does for those in spiritual and physical need, and doubly blessed because of what it does for the giver who needs the spiritual enrichment of giving.

—Harold M. Smith.

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The motive for all Christian service is love and gratitude,
The purpose is to glorify God through the salvation of souls,
The guide is the revealed will of God,
The measure is ability in the sacrificial spirit of Christ,
The efficiency is the power of God's grace, working through obedient human agency,
The reward is a good conscience and the anticipated "well done" of the Lord.

—Dr. Walton Greever.

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What is Christian Tithing?

thanks to Him in every act of my life? And in my giving, how can I do less for His work than set aside at least one-tenth of my income—as a first step?

'Christian tithing begins with Christ! That makes the difference, you see. The tithe is given, not to win God's favour, not because I expect Him to return three-tenths next week, and not for any of the other foolish, un-Christian reasons that one hears occasionally.

"Like Zacchaeus, I have looked into the face of Jesus, and I can no longer say my thanks with trifles. The first of my possessions must go to Him now. At least one-tenth now! Certainly more as soon as I can. For Him. For His love.

"The simplest definition, therefore, of Christian tithing is that it is a Christian man tithing. This is not just a play on words. For the point that such a definition emphasizes is that it is not tithing that makes a person a Christian.

"He is a Christian first—through faith in Jesus Christ..and then a tither. Let no one believe that tithing and the tithe are tests of one's Christianity. They are but the evidence of one's faith."